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Museum launches book recycling scheme

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is launching an appeal for members of the public to donate their unwanted military and aviation books and magazines to the Museum's Shop. These items will then be sold by the shop with the money raised going to the continued and ongoing maintenance of the Museum's collections.

The Museum's book recycling scheme has been running at the RAF Museum's site in London for almost two years and has been selling back to enthusiasts between 200 and 300 second-hand military and aviation books and magazines a month. All of the books sold were kindly donated by members of the public for the recycling scheme, which in turn has raised over £9,000.

The scheme is being launched at the RAF Museum Cosford in February and the Museum would like to ask that members of the public donate any books or magazines published about the Armed Services since 1900 which are in reasonable condition by handing them in at the Museum shop's till.

RAF Museum Shop Manager, Shani Smith says:

"We have already had one huge donation from a Bradford resident who arranged delivery of her late husband's aviation magazines and books. We are cataloguing them now, which could take some time as they date back as early as the 1940's. The Museum's book recycling scheme will hopefully provide enthusiasts with the perfect opportunity to find that one missing magazine or book from their collection as well as raising much needed funds for the Museum."

All books donated will be examined by Museum staff, with any items that are of particular historic importance retained by the Museum for its archives – whilst those publications such as authorised biographies, aviation periodicals, historical novels, old aircraft magazines will be sold on, raising money for the Museum.

For those wishing to donate their old books or periodicals, the Museum is open daily from 10am. Entry to the Museum is FREE. For further information on the Museum's book recycling scheme please contact the Museum on 01902 376221 or visit www.rafmuseum.org

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Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- FREE admission
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Michelle Worthington on 01902 376212 or michelle.worthington@rafmuseum.org
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